

REMARKS

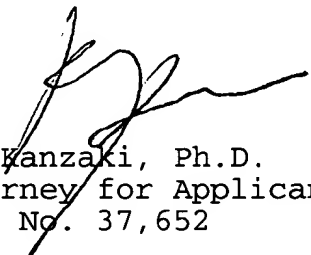
Claims 1-45 are pending. Claims 7-24 have been allowed. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-6 and 25-45 without prejudice and reserving the right to pursue them in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

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